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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Toshiharu HAYASHI et al. : Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH

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COVER FOR SECONDARY BATTERY

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**In the Claims:**

Kindly amend claims 5 and 6 as follows:

5. (Amended) A lid of a secondary battery as claimed in claim 3 wherein said sealing member is made of a fluororesin.

6. (Amended) A lid of a secondary battery as claimed in claim 3 wherein said sealing member comprises a flat plate having a hole to form said flange portion, and a cylindrical portion that is separate from said flange portion.